

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Date April 24, 2007

In re the Application of

Jean-Louis VIOVY et al.

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Docket No.: 121697

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR ASSAYING MUTATIONS IN NUCLEIC ACIDS  
AND THEIR USES IN DIAGNOSIS OF GENETIC DISEASES AND CANCERS

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